

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 962 without my signature.

This measure, opposed by union representatives and railroad corporations alike, would impose state-only standards on the operation of railroads in California. The courts have consistently invalidated state laws based on preemption by the Federal Railway Safety Act. Uniform nationwide laws are critical to maintaining safe operations.

While this bill was introduced to improve safety, it ironically could have the opposite effect for employees, passengers, and the public.

For this reason, I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger